Ecological Risk Assessment As Necessary: Acquire Data, Iterate Process, Monitor Results Planning (Risk Assessor/ Risk Manager/ PROBLEM FORMULATION **Interested Parties** Dialogue ANALYSIS Characterization Characterization of of **Ecological Exposure Effects** RISK CHARACTERIZATION **Communicating Results** to the Risk Manager Risk Management and **Communicating Results** to Interested Parties

Figure 1-3. The framework for ecological risk assessment (modified from USEPA 1992).